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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this response.

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